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Column One
BY
David Courtney

IT is odd, when you come to think of it, that so many people should be taking so much trouble to ensure that West Germany's Christmas stocking shall be filled with field-grey uniforms and bright, shining guns: odder still that it should be little M. Mendes-France who is dressing up as Father Christmas and hurrying the National Assembly through its business so that on Christmas Eve he will be able to yoke up the reindeer and set off in his sleigh and drop down Dr. Adenauer's chimney with the Paris Treaties prettily tied in tricolour ribbons.

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IT is no joke, of course. Facetiousness may, indeed, be out of place in discussions about German rearmament. The fact remains that if Dr. Adenauer gets his unreasonable gifts M. Mendes-France, changing back into a pin-stripe suit, will be able, like Little Jack Horner, to sit in his corner, eating his Christmas pie, and, pulling out the Paris Treaties ratification plum, to say to Mr. Dulles: "What a good boy am I!"

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BE that as it may, the odds are in favour of ratification by the National Assembly and also by the Bundestag, which even seems ready, at a pinch, to swallow the Adenauer-Mendes-France Saar agreement order to make sure that the rearmaments treaties go through. It should not be long, therefore, before this decisive segment of the Atlantic and West European security pattern becomes fitted to its place and the Governments of Washington, London and Paris, with Bonn at their elbows, can sit comfortably back either to boo or to coo at Moscow as the mood takes them.

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IT is to be expected that the Kremlin, in its turn, will huff and puff. It is already doing so with threats to abrogate the Anglo-Soviet and Franco-Soviet treaties of friendship, which in any event have not been of much use to anyone during the last year or two. If that is all the Soviet intends to do in response to ratification of the Paris treaties, no one will mind very much; especially if there should be a chance in the New Year of bringing about a more general agreement between East and West in which the United States would take part. Mr. Molotov has said that once the treaties were ratified there would be no point in attempting to negotiate a general agreement; but that statement, like the threat to denounce the Soviet's treaties with Britain and France, is all part of the Kremlin's desperate last-minute efforts to frighten enough deputies of the National Assembly into voting against ratification. Once the treaties are accomplished facts Mr. Molotov may revise his policy.

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A GOOD deal of policy revision may then become necessary. Germany's rearmament has been described in the three western capitals as the final western security need, after which, encouraged by the fact that German soldiers and German staff officers are for once on the side of the angels of democracy, the three western Powers will feel much more at ease and much more ready to work out plans for "co-existence." Presumably, in Germany itself co-existence will have to take the place of unity. The Russians with Poland and Czechoslovakia, are not likely to support plans for a unified Germany, re-armed by the West until such time as Dr. Adenauer and his pro-western coalition have broken up and there is either an extreme Right government at Bonn, with which to conspire, or a Social Democrat government ready to pay for unity with neutralism.

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GERMANY, then, must remain the "floating vote" in the calculations of the western Powers and of Soviet Russia for some time. Dr. Adenauer will be 79 in a few days. He was tired and ill-at-ease and fumbled his part badly during the first reading in the Bundestag of the Bills to approve the Paris treaties. None of his followers were quick or agile enough to help him out of his difficulties. He got the necessary votes, but when he goes who will be left to get the necessary votes for the policies that are largely his own personal accomplishment? The treaties will be ratified, no doubt; and that may be taken as settling adequately the question of western security. It cannot be taken as settling even a small part of the German question; which, indeed, can never be settled satisfactorily until there is a settlement — call it co-existence or anything else that is a forward move from the present state of affairs — of the East-West question itself.

Jerusalem, December 22.

$935,000 FOR ARAB REFUGEE CAMPS

AMMAN, Tuesday (Reuter). — UNRWA has allocated $935,000 for establishing new camps in Jordan for Arab refugees, enlarging existing camps, and building new housing.

Growth of Peace Forces Wanted, Not Blocs—Tito

NEW DELHI, Tuesday (Reuter). — President Tito of Yugoslavia said here today that many people had interpreted his visit to India and Burma as an effort to set up a new bloc. In reality, he said, they were trying to increase the number of states wanting to preserve peace — not by seeking to create a third bloc but through active cooperation between nations.

The Yugoslav leader was addressing a crowded meeting of members of both Houses of Parliament.

The recent relaxation of the strained relations between his country and Russia, Marshal Tito said, was a further contribution to the strengthening of world peace. Co-existence was the only real solution if mankind was to be saved from war, he stressed, and forming military and ideological blocs did not help.

Turning to the U.N., he said the world organization could function properly only if every country in the world were admitted to membership. While the U.N. provided the only possibility of lessening the danger of international conflicts, he said, it could not settle some international problems because of shortcomings in its structure.

Russia Charges US Violation in Austria

VIENNA, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Russians today requested the Americans to withdraw their troops from the Tyrol, in the French zone, which were stationed there in violation of the Allied Control Agreement for Austria.

The Soviet High Commissioner, Mr. I. Ilyichev, said troops were kept there to maintain contact between troops in the American occupied zone and their supply bases in Italy.

The charge was made at a special meeting here of the Allied Council, called urgently by Russia.

Mr. Ilyichev told the Council that the U.S. forces in the Tyrol were part of the forces of the aggressive North Atlantic bloc "and detrimental to the integrity of the Austrian State." He presented a formal resolution accusing the U.S. of violating the Control Agreement of 1946 which fixed zones of occupation.

The French High Commissioner, M. Jean Chauvel, expressed impatience with the Russian "surprise tactics" in calling the extraordinary meeting. "For eight years the U.S. has maintained its lines of communications through the French zone and to this moment the Soviets have not objected," he said.

The three Western High Commissioners are to meet here tonight to discuss the Russian allegation.

Moscow Praises Stalin

MOSCOW, Tuesday (UP).—The Soviet press today honoured the late Marshal Josef Stalin on the 75th anniversary of his birthday today. More space was devoted to Stalin in "Pravda," the Communist Party organ, and "Izvestia," the Government newspaper, than at a time since his death.

The theme stressed most in "Pravda" was Stalin as a "fighter for peace." Editorials and eulogies filled about half of "Pravda's" normal four pages, hailing Stalin as a "great continuer of Lenin's cause."

Knesset Debate On Unemployment

Five more speakers took part yesterday in the Knesset debate on the statement concerning the unemployment position made by the Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson, last week.

A plea for more planned economy was made by Mr. M. Erem (Mapam), who claimed that unemployment would never be finally banished while Mapai allowed itself to be forced into a system of *laissez faire* by the General Zionist faction in the coalition. He also claimed that the figures recorded by the Labour Exchanges were incomplete, and that in reality the figures were higher.

In this he was supported by Mr. S. Mikunis (Communist), who claimed that a quarter of the working population was not "fully" employed, and declared that it was tyranny to offer unemployed no alternative to sorting peanuts.

He also claimed that a great deal of nonsense was being talked about the productivity of labour. Workers should be "Stakhanovites" only in one direction — in that of achieving a people's democracy, and not in order to make profits for capitalist investors.

Mr. S. Dayan (Mapai) said there had been deliberate political agitation in the vicinity of labour exchanges against work on peanuts, though this was light work that could be done by boys.

Mr. M. Hazani (Hapoel Hamizrahi) said that there were still less than 40 per cent in productive work, and that greater productivity would lead to fuller employment.

Britain Spurns Soviet Threat to Annual Pact

LONDON, Tuesday (UP). — Britain today rejected the arguments contained in the Soviet note delivered yesterday that ratification of the Paris Agreements was contrary to the terms of the 1942 Anglo-Soviet treaty.

A Foreign Office spokesman said the Government would regret the cancellation or annulment of the Anglo-Soviet Treaty of Friendship, "to which it always attached importance." At the same time, he added, Britain "deplores both the manner and the context" in which Russia threatened such annulment.

The spokesman added that there is no justification for the Soviet contention that the Paris Agreements are incompatible with the treaty.

The Soviet note delivered to Britain yesterday was almost identical to that addressed by Moscow to the French Government last week.

Meanwhile, Britain today entered into an association with the six-nation European Coal, Steel Community which is to last for the whole period of the community's life — initially 50 years as from 1952.

The pact will set up a Council of Association between Britain, France, Italy, West Germany and the Benelux countries composed of four representatives of each country. *(UP, Reuter)*

Anti-French Feeling Rising in S. Vietnam

SAIGON, Tuesday (UP). — French authorities have opened investigations and are expected to lodge a formal complaint to the Vietnam Government regarding the eruptions of anti-French feeling sweeping the country, resulting in the death of a non-commissioned officer and the disappearance of two officers.

The N.C.O. was bayoneted to death in Cana, north-east of Saigon, while the two French officers are missing and believed dead after visiting Tay Ninh, the headquarters of the Cao Dai sect. One was reported clubbed to death and the second kidnapped and presumably killed by anti-French peasants.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Ambassador, Gen. J. Lawton Collins, today handed a cheque for $28,571,428 to Premier Ngo Dinh Diem as the first instalment of the $45m. aid to the fund for refugees from North Vietnam.

Admiral Arthur H. Radford, Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, arrived here today. He conferred with Gen. Collins and Gen. John O'Daniel, head of the U.S. military mission, for several hours. He then flew to Pnom Penh, capital of Cambodia.

Japan to Ease Travel To China, Russia

TOKYO, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Foreign Minister, Mr. Mamoru Shigemitsu, said today that the Government intended to ease restrictions on travel to China and Russia and hoped to increase trade with those countries.

He told the Diet Budget Committee that travel would be allowed for trade purposes though "in principle" Japanese would be free to visit these countries for cultural purposes as well.

The Trade Minister, Mr. Tanzan Ishibashi, told the Committee that he wanted relations with China and Russia to be placed on the same footing as those of West European countries.

Major political parties agreed tentatively yesterday to dissolve the Diet on January 27, following which general elections must be held within 40 days. House approval will be needed to dissolve the Lower House.

China's Code Guarantees No Arrest without Warrant

HONG KONG, Tuesday (Reuter). — Chinese newspapers today published new regulations extending guarantees against arrest without warrant and unauthorized search.

The regulations, reported by the New China News Agency, provide that no person can be arrested until a warrant has been produced and the reasons for the arrest explained.

German Girl Jailed As Russian Spy

BERLIN, Tuesday (Reuter). — An attractive East German brunette, Irmgard Margarethe Schmick, 24, was sentenced today to five years imprisonment for spying on the Americans for the Russians.

She had pleaded guilty to giving data concerning American agents in Berlin and information concerning the order of battle section between May, 1953 and December 1, last year. She had also pleaded guilty to attempting to procure information for the Soviet intelligence about the American order of battle last November.

Greek Group Protests UN Ruling on Cyprus

ATHENS, Tuesday (Reuter). — Archbishop Spiridon, Primate of Greece and Archbishop of Athens, presided last night over a meeting of the Cyprus Struggle Committee which decided to call mass meetings in Athens and other Greek cities to protest the U.N. decision on Cyprus.

It was also decided to order one hour's silence and suspend traffic while church bells toll "in mourning for Cypriot blood shed on Saturday," when British troops fired on demonstrators in Limassol, wounding three. Funds will also be collected throughout Greece to "promote the enlightenment of world public opinion on Cyprus rights."

French Assembly Opens 'Big Debate'

PARIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — The great debate on the rearmament of Germany within the Western camp got under way today in the National Assembly.

By early afternoon, 11 reports of various Assembly commissions had been expounded by their authors. They represented all the points of view on German rearmament.

Most deputies in their talks with journalists in the lobbies assumed that the Assembly will ratify the agreements. But it was thought that it will require a vigorous and uncompromising obstinacy in favour of German rearmament by Premier Mendes-France himself to obtain the desired result.

The big majority of all parties except the Communists is reluctantly convinced that France must ratify the agreements or find herself gravely isolated from her partners in NATO.

M. Jacques Soustelle, who frequently reflects the views of General de Gaulle, said the Paris Agreement turned the North Atlantic pact into an offensive instead of a defensive organization. By admitting Germany into NATO they would admit a country which had territorial claims some of which, in all probability, could only be satisfied by a new war.

He pointed out that in the German preamble to the Saar agreement the German Government specifically claimed to represent all Germany within the frontiers existing on December 31, 1937.

M. Soustelle said that quite apart from the Saar question these claims to former German territories, half of which were now Polish, could not fail legitimately to alarm some of the Eastern European Governments.

US to Reduce Forces by 230,000

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP) — The Secretary of Defence, Mr. Charles E. Wilson, announced today that the U.S. Army, Navy and Marine Corps will be reduced by an additional 230,000 men during the next two years.

The decision, which was made by President Eisenhower, is based on his belief that there is increasing hope for averting all-out war. The goal of reducing men in uniform to 2,815,000 by June 30, 1957 will be now reached one year earlier. The cuts will not affect the air force which, in fact, will be increased by 5,000 men during the next year.

Mr. Wilson further revealed that the American forces in Japan soon will be reduced by at least one army division. The 1st Marine Division will be transferred from Korea to the U.S. and will be replaced by a division from Japan.

Lewin Returning Home

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (INA) —Dr. Ernst Lewin, the Israel Embassy's First Secretary in charge of economic affairs who handled all grant-in-aid problems here since the beginning of the U.S. programme, will be returning home for reassignment after four years' service here.

At a luncheon given in his honour today, he was lauded by the Ambassador, Mr. Abba Eban, as well as by leading American officials associated with economic affairs.

Israel Formally Requests Early Meeting of UN

NEW YORK, Tuesday (INA). — Israel today formally requested an early meeting of the U.N. Security Council in connection with Egypt's blockade of the Suez Canal and detention of the Bat Galim and her crew of 10.

Mr. Abba Eban, Israel's permanent delegate to the U.N., made the request in a letter to this month's President of the Council, Dr. Charles Malik of the Lebanon.

While there were some hopes in Israel circles that the Council would meet this week, it seemed more likely that it would not meet again until Tuesday, December 28, the official "Journal of the United Nations" announced today. The publication said that although there would be no sessions of any kind until that date, Dr. Malik could call a meeting earlier if he chose to do so.

Mr. Mordecai R. Kidron, Israel's deputy permanent delegate to the U.N., sent a letter today to Dr. Malik protesting against the circulation among members of the Council of a letter from Syria which accused Israel of "banditry and piracy" in connection with the seizure of a Syrian plane, which has since been released.

The language used in the letter, Mr. Kidron contended, "should have disqualified it from publication as an official U.N. document transmitted to all members of the Security Council."

Sharett Reports on Talks With US, British Visitors

Two long sessions were held by the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee yesterday. At the morning session the Prime Minister, Mr. M. Sharett, reported on the discussions held during recent weeks with representatives of foreign powers visiting Israel, including Mr. George Allen, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Middle Eastern Affairs, and his British opposite number Mr. Evelyn Shuckburgh, Assistant Under-Secretary for Middle Eastern Affairs.

Mr. Sharett also discussed the renewed approaches which have been made to the U.N. Security Council in connection with the release of the Bat Galim, the show trial of the 13 Jews now being staged in Egypt, and the five Israel soldiers being held by Syria.

In the afternoon the Committee heard military representatives in connection with the four emergency laws whose renewal passed a first reading in the Knesset last week, and prepared them for the final reading.

50% of Nahal Youth Remains on Land

Nearly 50 per cent of those who served in the ranks of Nahal remained in agricultural settlements, Mr. S. Peres, Director General of the Ministry of Defence, told a festive gathering held at the Nahal Command last night on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of Nahal's founding.

Present at the gathering were the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan, Nahal Commander Sgan-Aluf Aharon Doron, Mr. E. Ben-Zvi head of the Youth and Nahal Department of the Defence Ministry, Ministry Department heads and representatives of different settlement movements.

A total of 274 youth settlement groups have passed through Nahal and four Nahal border holdings have become permanent settlements, Mr. Peres said. The formation of Nahal, not only to strengthen our military force but also to encourage agricultural settlement was decided on by Mr. David Ben Gurion during the difficult days of the War of Independence, the speaker noted.

Polish Envoy Presents Credentials

The first Minister to Israel from Poland, Mr. Zygfryd Wolniak, presented his letters of credence to President Ben-Zvi yesterday at Beit Henassi in Jerusalem.

When the Minister arrived at noon, the Army band played the Polish national anthem and a guard of honour composed of military police presented arms. The Chief of Protocol, Dr. Michael Simon, and the President's Aide, Sgan-Aluf Yosef Carmel, received the Minister at the door.

The Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, and the Director General of the Foreign Ministry, Mr. Walter Eytan, were present.

In his address, the Minister said:

Better Understanding

"The recent decision of my Government to establish a Polish Legation in Israel, aims at better mutual understanding, friendship and closer cooperation of both our nations.

"We are deeply convinced that friendly relations between Poland and Israel can be an important contribution to the struggle for a further easing of the international situation and for peaceful cooperation of States irrespective of their social systems, and political principles; my Government considers this struggle most essential."

In the course of his reply, the President said:

"The people of the State of Israel have many ties with the land of Poland, in the midst of which vast numbers of Jews lived throughout many generations and produced cultural achievements of enduring value. This great community, the pride of our people, was the first and most tragic victim of the Nazi murderers. The people of Israel recall with admiration the exertions and sacrifices of the Polish people in the bloody struggle with the common enemy.

"We particularly esteem the understanding of the essence of the problem of the homelessness of the Jewish people as revealed by Poland's representatives to the United Nations in 1947; we deeply appreciate the Polish representatives' steadfast support for the Jewish people's demand for its independence in its historic homeland. We also value the Polish Government's readiness in the past to allow the majority of those Jews who escaped the holocaust, to rebuild their future in Israel in accordance with their wishes.

"I hope and trust that the Polish Government will in the future reveal once again that same human understanding of the problem of those of its Jewish citizens who have expressed the desire to immigrate to Israel and be reunited with their families."

The Minister introduced Mr. Jan Slovikowski, Second Secretary, and Mr. Stefan Koziol, Attache in Charge of Consular Affairs.

As the party left, the guard of honour again presented arms and the band played "Hatikva."

Mr. Wolniak came to Israel in August 1952 to serve as Consul General and was named Minister when the Consulate was elevated to a Ministry early this month.

Jewish Defendant Found Dead in Cairo Prison

Miss Victorine Nino, one of the thirteen accused in the Cairo spy trials, seen in court surrounded by police. (Keystone photo).

Egyptians Announce Bennett 'Suicide'

CAIRO, Tuesday (Reuter). — Max Bennett, one of a group of 13 Jews on trial here accused of being a member of a spy ring, was found dead today.

The Ministry of the Interior announced that Bennett committed suicide in prison by cutting a vein with a razor blade. He died almost immediately, the Ministry said.

Bennett, 37, was a former employee of the Anglo-Egyptian Motors Co.

A note written in pencil to his wife, found beside Bennett's body, said that he had no hope of acquittal and could not face the prospect of imprisonment.

Bennett was found by prison guard who heard him moaning. He said Bennett asked weakly for water. By the time the prison doctor could be summoned he was dead. On the floor of the cell lay a note in English addressed to "My Darling."

"There is no other way out," it said. "I have come to this decision very calmly. To hope for acquittal is an illusion. A short prison term of five years is the least I can hope for. This is more than I can bear morally or physically."

Urges Wife to Remarry

The note urged his wife to remarry because Midrelle, their daughter, "needs a daddy." It asked that a tree be planted in their garden in his memory and closed with messages of love. A report here says that Mrs. Bennett is at present in London.

The German Consul in Cairo, Arno Kiendler, said that he had been informed of the suicide, since Bennett was a German citizen, and that he would call on the Cairo Governor and ask for results of the investigation. Kiendler also said he would make burial arrangements.

Meanwhile, at today's hearing of the trial Samuel Azzar, one of the accused, said that Abram Dar, alias John Darling, said to be head of the alleged ring, gave him LE.550 with which to open a workshop in Cairo. The profits were to go to finance an organization to help Jews in Egypt migrate to Israel.

Met in Alexandria

Azzar said he met Darling, who is now abroad, in 1953. They rented a flat in Alexandria, where a group met frequently. He said he advanced LE. 450 to Mayer Muhass, another accused, to open a workshop. Later he cashed LE.150 from Muhass to give them to Victor Levy. Levy in turn gave the money to Philip Nathanson to buy photographic equipment, Azzar said.

Later Azzar told the court he had tried unsuccessfully to break away from the organization. He said Paul Frank, whom he described as an Israel army officer, came to Egypt last July "to organise fires in various public places," and ordered him to prepare and place incendiary devices in the U.S. Information Service library in Alexandria, as well as in cinemas.

PUBLIC COMMITTEE

The public committee formed for the Defence of the Jews on trial in Cairo has published a list of its 39 members, who include the mayors of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and Petah Tikva, six Knesset members and 12 professors, judges and writers. No chairman has been announced.

Nuri: Iraq Not To Renew British Pact

Israel is certainly no less a threat to Iraq than is Russia, Premier Nuri e-Said said in Baghdad yesterday, according to NEABS.

The Premier made the statement in announcing that his Government has notified Britain of its decision not to renew or extend the Anglo-Iraqi pact. He added, however, that although Iraq will not enter into such a pact with Britain, it will take into consideration the security problems of Arab countries and the Arab League collective security pact.

Iraq will also take into account the security question of Turkey and Persia, Nuri e-Said declared.

In Beirut, meanwhile, the Iraqi Foreign Minister, Musa Shabandar, told a press conference yesterday that the Arab League Council has decided to cooperate with the West on Middle East defence provided certain conditions are fulfilled.

He confirmed Saturday's statement by the Lebanese Foreign Minister, Alfred Naccache, that these conditions include the solution of the Israel and North African problems.

Shabandar has concluded a series of talks with Naccache and is returning to Baghdad today or tomorrow.

Anglo-Jordan Talks On Treaty Revision Begin

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter).— Talks on a revision of the 1948 Anglo-Jordan friendship treaty opened at the Foreign Office today.

The talks were conducted by the Jordan Prime Minister, Tewfik Abu'l Huda, Defence Minister Anwar Nusaibeh and the Ambassador to Britain, Dr. Y. Haikal, and by the Minister of State Anthony Nutting and Mr. Evelyn Shuckburgh, Assistant Under-Secretary in Charge of Middle East Affairs for Britain.

Sir Anthony Eden, who was to have headed the British delegation, was unable to be present at today's meeting because of a chill.

The Jordan delegation today stated the aspects of the 1948 treaty which they wish to see revised. Though the treaty is not due for revision until 1963, Britain has agreed to discuss possible changes in the light of the Jordan request.

Arab Defence Council To Meet in January

Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi, Egyptian Foreign Minister, yesterday conferred with Mahmoud Ibrahim, the Arab League military adviser, in connection with the meeting of the Arab Supreme Defence Council to be held in Cairo on January 10, Cairo Radio reported.

Arabs Seek Closer Latin American Ties

The Arab countries are depending on the support of the Latin American nations and will spare no efforts to strengthen ties with them, Dr. Raif Abu'l Lama'a, Lebanese representative in the Arab League, said yesterday, according to a Cairo Radio report.

He revealed that Abdul Khalek Hassouna, Secretary-General of the League, will visit Latin America in April, with this aim in view.

Israel Wins World Bridge Competition

BRISBANE, Tuesday (Reuter). — Israel today won a world contract bridge bidding championship conducted by the Australian Bridge Council.

The Israel score was 8,170. Nineteen nations competed.

France was next with 7,910 points, Britain third with 7,830 and Australia fourth with 7,610. A British women's team was fifth with 7,530. The remaining places in the first 10 went to Holland, Jamaica, America, Egypt and Bermuda.

Of the 95 pairs from the competing countries the best performances were those of Dr. Samuel Marin and Mr. V. Buhovny of Israel, and Mrs. P. Williams and Mrs. R. Evans of Britain.

49 More Members Of Brotherhood Jailed

CAIRO, Tuesday (Reuter). — The People's Tribunal today sentenced 60 members of the Moslem Brotherhood to prison terms for conspiring to overthrow the regime and seize power in Egypt by force.

Two of those dealt with today were sentenced to hard labour for life; 11 were acquitted.

Including those sentenced today, 200 members of the Moslem Brotherhood have now been sent to prison in the last month and about 16 ordered to be executed—though some of these sentences have been commuted.

The trials began following the attempted assassination in October of Prime Minister Abdul Nasser.

JORDAN REJECTS MAC MEDIATION ON FUNDS

The Jordan Government has rejected the offer of mediation by U.N. observers for the release of funds of Arab refugees frozen in banks in Israel, Radio Ramallah reported last night.

The report said Jordan informed Gen. E.L.M. Burns, Chief of Staff of the Truce Supervision Organization, that this matter concerns only the Palestine Conciliation Commission.

CAIRO HITS JAILING OF 5 GAZA STRIP SPIES

CAIRO, Tuesday (Reuter). — Egypt is to protest to every member of the U.N. Security Council against sentences of five years' imprisonment imposed by Israel on four pupils from the Gaza strip found guilty of spying for Egypt.

Egypt claims the Israel case is "false" and is "nothing but mean retaliation for Egypt's present prosecution of 12 Jews on charges of spying." The four pupils were sentenced on December 6 by a military court in Rehovot.

THIEVES CROSS TO GAZA, JORDAN

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday. — While investigating the disappearance from the settlement of Dorot in the south, of 120 metres of piping and 12 connection brackets, valued at IL.400, police discovered early this morning the tracks of four men leading towards the Gaza Strip.

Three marauders whose tracks led to the Jordan border, stole 10 turkeys from Kfar Shmuel, near Ramla, last night. They slaughtered the birds before taking them away.

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Social & Personal

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi yesterday received Messrs. Z. Shazar, E. Dobkin and M. Grossman of the Jewish Agency Executive, Dr. A.L. Lauterbach, former Director of the World Zionist Executive's Organization Department, and Dr. A. Hantke, Chairman of the Keren Hayesod. The group presented to Beit Hanassi an 18th century mezuzah in the style of the Ba'al Shem Tov.

The Bulgarian Minister, Mr. Gueorgui Zenguelekov, was the guest of the Israel-Bulgarian Friendship League in Tiberias on Monday and visited Jordan Valley settlements and their industries yesterday.

The Minister of Justice, Mr. P. Rosen, has joined the Council of the Political Science Association, the scope of which will now include economics, sociology, public law, administrative science, administrative law, and international public law.

Rabbi Morris Adler, of the Sha'ari Zedek congregation of Detroit, was received on Sunday by the Minister of Development, Dr. Dov Joseph. Rabbi Adler presented to the Minister a scroll bearing the names of almost 300 purchasers of Israel Bonds, who are members of the Rabbi's congregation.

Jerusalem Mayor Y. Karlv held a reception at the Municipality yesterday in honour of the Jerusalem Rotary Club on the occasion of its Silver Jubilee. In response to the Mayor's welcome, Mr. A.W. Groote, of Holland, who is representing Rotary International at the celebrations, expressed his appreciation of the warmth of the hospitality and welcome accorded by Jerusalem to the visitors from abroad.

ARRIVALS: Dr. S. Saalheimer, Assistant General Manager of Bank Leumi, from a business visit to Zurich; Mr. Hillel Dan, head of the Shiltumim Corp., from Duesseldorf (by SAS); Mr. R. Carmel, Director of the Keren Hayesod and the U.J.A. in France, for consultations (KLM); Dr. Hannah Gelber, member of the National Council of the Canadian WIZO Organization, to settle in Israel.

DEPARTURES: Mr. S. Bejarano, M.K., to Istanbul (by SAS); Mr. Daniel Recanati, Director of the Discount Bank of Palestine, for Geneva, on business (Swissair); Messrs. I. Bichkov, O. Theodorov and G. Vassilev-Nedev, who signed the Israel-Bulgarian trade agreement earlier this week, to Istanbul (SAS).

A farewell reception for Mr. Pinhas Yudkis, Director of the Accounts Department of the Jewish Agency Executive, was held in Jerusalem yesterday by the Organization Department of the Agency, on the occasion of Mr. Yudkis' retirement.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

Abba and Shoshana Eban express heartfelt thanks to all friends who kindly extended good wishes on the occasion of the birth of their daughter, Gila.

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NEWS: Hebrew 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 6.15, 8.30 and 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m. 2.15 & 6.30 p.m.
6.00 v.m. Morning Programme (Stars only). 6.30 Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.10 Morning Melodies (R). 7.45 Oriental Music (R). 8.20 Close Down.
4.00 p.m. Tea Time Music (R). 4.45 Piano Recital: Esther Quit. 5.15 The Working Woman. 5.25 Interlude 5.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Kindling of the Lights. 7.05 Musical Echoes (R). 7.20 Agricultural Corner. 7.30 Cantoral Request Programme (R). 8.00 Hanukka Programme: Words & Music. 8.25 Bible Reading. 8.45 Second Aliya Jubilee: Mr. David Ben Gurion and Mr. Mordecai Namir. 9.10 The Story of the Second Aliya. 10.30 Kol Yisrael Choir & Orchestra, Conductor: Max Lampel: Hanukka Songs. 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
400, 235, 216, 407, 48.9 & 31.3 M.
English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.12 p.m. French News: 2.00 p.m.
IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.15 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 6.30 French. 7.00 Ladino. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Close Down. 8.45 p.m. Rumanian. 9.00 Hungarian. 9.15 Close Down.
KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.3 M.): 21.15 p.m. Kindling of the Lights. 21.18 News. 21.30 Musical Greetings. 21.45 The Week's News.
ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 235 & 239 M.): 6.30 Opening & Hanukka Lights. 6.40 Recital. 7.00 Requests. 7.20 Tomorrow's Ramahane. 7.45 Light Music. 8.00 Musical Box. 8.30 News. 8.45 Second Aliya Feature. 9.10 Songs of the People. 9.40 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.
B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (24.60; 24.92; 30.53; 30.90 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News; News Talk; Youth Magazine.

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At 3.30, 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.
ARNON: Stars of the Russian Ballet.
EDEN: Lili. Also 10.30 a.m.
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ORGIL: Les Vacances de M. Hulot. Also 10.30 a.m.
ORION: The Steel Trap.
ORNA: The Juggler.
RON: Violettes Imperiales. At 10.30: Adventures of Tom Sawyer.
STUDIO: Family Honeymoon.
TEL OR: Tarzan and the She-Devil. Also 10.30 a.m.
ZION HALL: The Village.

Histadrut Probes Safad Welfare

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAFAD. — "It is our responsibility to absorb immigrants even if the Municipality does not help," Mr. A. Hacohen, Secretary of the Safad Workers Council, told a rally organized by the Histadrut here last Saturday. The meeting was devoted to municipal questions and the development of the town.

A Knesset all-party committee had done great work for Safad, and the Workers Council welcomed it to the town, Mr. Hacohen claimed that General Zionist representatives had accused the committee of working *in camera*, without the knowledge of the public. In fact, however, the work had been reported on over the radio and in the Press. He stated that the Municipality had sinned grievously against the population and the district in that it had failed to set aside reserve areas for development, buildings and auxiliary farms. The Labour Council was pressing for more housing and would fight against the Municipality's preoccupation with family interests and "feudal operations."

Thanks to the activities of the government committee, a number of industrial enterprises which had been shut down have now re-opened, including a plant for oil-stoves, and a chocolate factory employing a total of 60 workers.

Mr. A. Peri, of Amidar, said that the Histadrut has approved credits for the building of roads and the installation of electricity in the new quarter on Mt. Canaan, where conditions were improving.

Mr. R. Ben Yehuda, a member of the Histadrut faction in the Municipal Council, said that the Municipality had done nothing for the town.

As councillor in charge of water distribution, Mr. Ben Yehuda announced that the special investigating committee had found that most of the water was being wasted before it was used. Pumps were out of order, and there were no water meters available, resulting in a loss of IL.12,500 in the water budget. The Histadrut faction had taken upon itself the responsibility for water distribution on condition that all matters connected with the supply of water were under its control and that a separate account was arranged.

Mr. Y. Geiger, another member of the Municipal Council, who spoke on social welfare, disclosed that some 200 families were receiving assistance. The Government had done its share, but the Municipality was in difficulties. For three years there had been no school meal system.

New Bills Will Protect Youngsters

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Regulations controlling the administration of boarding-schools, orphanages and other youth institutions are now being drafted by the Ministry for Social Welfare. At present, only Ministry of Health inspectors have the power to supervise the sanitary condition of these places, and no control can be exercised in such matters as standard of personnel or equipment.

Legislation of other countries, mainly Scandinavia, has been studied and incorporated within the draft. The Ministry's Legal Adviser intends to use the new bill as a lever against institutions which have hitherto failed to maintain adequate conditions. They will be obliged to provide play-grounds, sufficient dormitory space, and staff with recognized qualifications. (The three schools for social workers turn out 100 graduates each year.)

Another bill in preparation deals with conditions in reform schools. These are now subject to regulations governing prisons, although they are administered by the Social Welfare Ministry.

The duties of foster-parents who board children for payment are also defined in the draft. Placement of children by the government or other public body has so far been controlled commercial arrangement without legal enforcement. A child, according to the proposed bill, is anyone up to 18 years old.

Form Expert in Israel

Mr. R. Martinek, of the Lamson Paragon Supply Co. Ltd., is in Israel for a five-week stay. Lamson Paragon are the leading manufacturers of business forms in Britain, and their licencees and agents cover many countries.

For nearly 70 years their work has been to streamline the routine operations of commerce and industry by hand-written and typewritten system forms, so as to obtain effective control over translations, reduce labour costs and aid productivity by efficient office organization.

Mr. Martinek has come to survey the market for these systems, and to make initial contacts for them to be produced under licence in this country.

CHILD ELECTROCUTED AT NESHER

HAIFA, Tuesday.—At noon yesterday, a three and one half year old boy, Yoni Breir of Nesher (near Haifa), climbed to the top of a high tension electric pole and was electrocuted. The body was taken to the Rambam Hospital.

Forests Changing Judean Hills

The Jerusalem hills are undergoing a radical change in appearance with the progress of the Jewish National Fund's afforestation work. The forests now cover an area of 20,000 dunams with 5,500,000 trees, as compared with 2,500 dunams and 500,000 trees when the State was established.

The afforestation work goes back to the establishment of a Plantation Fund in the early days of the Zionist Organization. The first olive trees planted near Hulda and Ben Shemen failed to flourish because of unsuitable conditions. After Herzl's death, in 1904, tests were made with other seedlings for a forest in his name and, as a result, oak groves were planted, again at Hulda and Ben Shemen. These were destroyed by the Turks.

After the first World War, the afforestation work was taken over by the J.N.F., using in each case trees native to the region. The Kiryat Anavim forest was planted between 1920-25 and the Ma'ale Hahamisha wood ten years later. The forest at Nave Ilan was planted in 1946.

However, intensive afforestation started with the establishment of immigrant settlements in the Corridor after the War of Liberation. During the past three years, 5,000,000 trees were planted in this area and the work is now progressing at the rate of about 1,500,000 trees a year.

Solid State Subject Of Local Symposium

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The importance of the study of the solid state to modern technology was stressed at a symposium in Jerusalem on Monday by Dr. H. K. Henish, of the University of Reading. It had led, he said, to the invention of the transistor (which can replace the thermonic valve in many functions) and further advances were expected.

The symposium was arranged by the Israel Physical Society and the Hebrew University.

Dr. E. Alexander, who was in the chair, mentioned that three institutes in this country were actively engaged in the study of the solid state.

At the afternoon session Dr. Z. Low, of the Hebrew University, outlined a new method which might make it possible to study the crystallography of paramagnetic substances by means of radar. This method would be of great importance to mineralogy and chemistry, Dr. Low said.

Arab Youth Leaders Learn Scoutcraft

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A large-scale effort to promote scouting among Arab youth in Israel began yesterday in Jerusalem, where the Israel Scout Organization has invited 50 Arab teachers for a three-day course in activities ranging from group games to map making. The course is being held in the Waterman Wise Youth Hostel, Bayit Vegan, and all expenses are being borne by the Organization.

Among the participants — all unfamiliar with scout-craft — are two headmasters (from Lydda and Irka in Galilee), 11 Druze teachers and secondary school graduates, and six women. Together they represent most of the Arab schools in Israel.

The course is intended to qualify them to form Scout packs in their own schools.

Another experiment in youth leadership was launched this week in Jerusalem by the Ministry of Education Youth Office and the Hebrew University School of Education. Some 20 teachers and students who wish to specialize in this field are attending six hours of lectures daily during the Hanukka vacation, and will resume intensive study during Passover. In their working time, they will be given five hours a week of lectures. Mr. Y. Meyuhas, head of the Ministry's Youth Office, explained that each student is obliged to serve as a camp-leader in the summer-centres run by local authorities. The Youth Office plans to recall these students for the second part of their course this time next year, and thus overcome the shortage of trained instructors at summer camps.

Following outbreaks of hooliganism and law-breaking in various towns, the local authorities have turned their attention to promoting activities for young people who lack recreation facilities. Rehovot, Hadera and Afula will open Youth Offices after Hanukka, while Beersheba, Holon, Ramatayim and Shafir in the Negev, have already taken this step. The Offices will be responsible for providing sports fields and clubs, whose budget is to be divided between the local authority (75 per cent) and the Government (25 per cent).

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday. — Fifty boys and girls of the Israel Scout Movement have arrived at Sde Boker. After six months' training, they will become members of the settlement.

ISRAEL TO SELL PHONE PATENT ABROAD

The Government is to sell to a European country the patent for an improved telephone apparatus, the Ministry of Posts spokesman confirmed yesterday. The apparatus, invented by the Ministry of Posts workshop in Haifa, is already being manufactured locally and will be installed in public telephone booths here. The spokesman intimated that further details would be revealed after the patent transaction has been concluded.

TOY FUND

Latest list of contributors to the Toy Fund:

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IL.5. — Gilda and Heinz; A.B.C.; Haifa. Spitz; Naomi and Bob Kenneth in honour of 75th birthday of their father of Adolf Goldberg, New York. Mira Akady; Selim Shahrabani; Sara Hurvitz, Tel Aviv. Adina Goldberg; Dr. E.F. Finot (Finkelstein) in memory of Pnina Dux; Jerusalem.
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TODAY or TOMORROW

All women born between March 13, 1927 and September 5, 1927, whose surname starts with the letter

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must report for registration, medical and other examinations to determine their health category for Defence Service.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, Manpower Dept., Recruiting Office.
No. 707/

US Air Force Buys Flying Radar Giant

Lockheed Aircraft Corporation has announced that delivery of a new series of longer-flying Super Constellation radar picket planes is under way to the U.S. Air Force.

Aerial sleuths which seek and identify friend or foe, the new Lockheed planes, designated RC-121D by the U.S. Air Force, have added two 600-gallon wingtip fuel tanks and a 1,000-gallon fuselage tank for extra hours aloft. Fuel capacity totals 8,750 gallons, 2,200 gallons more than previous models. The Air Force has revealed that earlier versions of the strangely-humped, loaded-with-radar Super Constellations can stay aloft for more than a day.

Two complete flight crews plus a group of electronics specialists—up to 31 highly-skilled men in all — make up the flying ship's complement.

The bulging antenna domes on the top and bottom of the fuselage at the wing make Lockheed's radar planes readily distinguishable from their sister Super Constellation of the luxury passenger and cargo type.

The aircraft were designed to fly radar sky-high, thus boosting range and curtailing the possibility of a sneak attack from low-flying planes using the curvature of the earth as protective cover from the straight-line eyes of surface radar.

Anti-McCarthy Group Plans to Unseat Him

NEW YORK, Tuesday (UP). — The League of 20 Million Americans for the Censure of McCarthy has changed its name to the League of 20 Million Americans to Unseat McCarthy.

The organization, formed as an answer to the group called 10 Million Americans for McCarthy, said that although the Republican Senator has been censured by the Senate "he has yet to be condemned for his disrespect for the American people and disregard for their constitutional rights."

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TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The BOAC has lifted the restriction on the sale of air tickets in Israel currency, the last air company to do so.

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4,392 Tons Loaded At Haifa in Week

HAIFA, Tuesday. — A total of 4,392 tons of goods was loaded at the Port during the past week for export to 18 different countries. The largest item on the list of 41 products, 3,227 tons of pyrites, was earmarked for Poland, which topped the list of recipient countries. Turkey, which had taken the largest quantity of Israel's exports during the previous weeks, was sixth on the list last week, with 30 tons of goods.

Shipments of groundnuts, totalling 302 tons, were loaded for England and the Netherlands, with 254 tons of plywood going to England and Turkey, 160 tons of cement for Cyprus, followed by 157 tons of cucumbers and 89 tons of grapefruit sections to England, 49 tons of eggs for Italy and Greece, 32 tons of masonite and 20 tons of seed for England, 11 tons of kerosene stoves to Turkey and 11 tons of cloth to England, Australia and Germany.

Items totalling less than 10 tons included shoes, fruit preserves, plastic products, cheese, electrical goods, books, wool, rubber goods and antibiotics.

Nir Reports On Turkish, Persian Jews

At yesterday's meeting of the Jewish Agency Executive, Mr. N. Nir reported on his recent trip to Turkey and Persia. Referring to the position of the Ashkenazi and Sephardi communities in Turkey, Mr. Nir said that their economic status was not bad. There were Hebrew teaching facilities and interest in Israel, although officially there was no organized Zionist movement.

In Persia, the economic position of the Jewish community was worse, and Mr. Nir described the special conditions prevailing there. He also told about the activities of the Hehaluts, Joint and ORT organizations in Persia. Immigration was now rather small, and the question of returnees was presenting a problem.

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Australia Needs 115 Runs for Test Win

SYDNEY, Tuesday. — With eight second innings wickets in hand, Australia needs 151 runs to win the second cricket test match against England. The close of play scores at the end of the fourth day here were: England, 154 and 296; Australia, 228 and 72 for two.

Fighting back from a 74 run deficit on the first innings, England was soon in trouble and lost Hutton (28), Bailey and Graveney for only 55 runs. The young players, May and Cowdrey, came back with a fighting fourth wicket stand of 116, and the Tourists were 204 for four (130 runs ahead) at the end of the third day. At that time May was 98 not out.

Continuing today, May went soon, having made his century (104) as did the other Englishmen, but a last wicket stand of 46 between Appleyard (19) and Statham (25) put England 222 runs ahead. Australia's bowlers were very accurate and fast. The bowling figures were: Archer, three for 53; Lindwall, three for 60; Johnstone, three for 70; and Bennoe, one for 42.

CHATTAWAY FOR S.A.

Chris Chattaway, England's star runner and former holder of the 5,000 metres world record, who paced both Roger Bannister and John Landy, the famous milers, in their world mile record runs, is to race in South Africa.

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All other merchandise offered in these tenders is stored in Warehouse No.11, Haifa Port.

Merchandise may be inspected and additional details will be supplied at the places of storage, on January 2, 3 and 4, 1955 between 8 a.m. and 12 noon.

Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes. The forms required for bidding may be obtained from the Customs officials in charge of the warehouses or from the Department of Sales, Haifa Customs House. Bids should bear the number of the tender to which they refer and should be accompanied by a bank cheque amounting to 10% of the purchase price offered.

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"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition, 10-1, 4-6 p.m.
Ceramics, Mrs. F. Reiss and pupils, Y.M.C.A. 9-1, 4-7.
Drawings by Yehuda Bacon and Glaze Paintings by Deborah Blumenthal, Nora Studio Art Gallery, 9 Ben Maimon Avenue, Rehavia. (10-1; 3-6).
Department of Antiquities, special exhibition: Excavations of a Canaanite Temple on the seashore of Nahariya (XVIIIth-XVth centuries B.C.E.), 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1.
"Hommage a Matisse."—"Master drawings" Exhibit of the month: Woven tapestry, Persia, Middle Ages; Bezalel Museum. 9-1, 4-6.
★ Library:—
American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamilla Rd. Entrance free, 9-1; 3-6.
★ Film Shows:—
Koren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

TEL AVIV

★ Exhibitions:—
Paintings by "The Independents" Adam, Wiesenfeld, Harcuti, Calahorra, Shulman, Katz Art Gallery, 97 Disengoff Road, 10-1, 3-7.
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Exhibition of oil Paintings by Jacob Wechsler, Museum 10-4.
Victor Marchese, Argentine Sculptor, Z.O.A. House (10-12; 4-6).
★ Theatre:—
Habimah, "Hedva & I," Habimah Theatre, 11 a.m. Performance for Youth.
Habimah, "The Caine Mutiny" Habimah, 8 p.m.
"Pygmalion," Chamber Theatre, Mograbi, 8 p.m.
★ Violin Recital: —
Reuben Varga in Violin Recital. Programme: Beethoven, Bach, C. Franck, Bloch, Paganini. Tomorrow 8.30 p.m., Beit Lessin.

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★ Rotary: —
Mr. J. Green, "Fellowship," Appinger's Restaurant, 1.15 p.m.

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★ Theatre:—
Do-Re-Mi, "Rose from Istanbul," Rama Hall, 4 and 8.15 p.m.
★ Ziratron:—
Josephine Baker with a grand Circus Revue, 3, 6.30 & 9.30 p.m.

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236,599	Capital and Reserves	236,163	447,970	Investments	454,275
3,095,466	Insurance Funds	4,092,140	2,514,061	Loans	3,072,269
441,769	Re-insurance Deposits	280,755	173,874	Fixed Assets	323,305
410,384	Pending or Admitted Claims	739,876	1,790,967	Current Assets	2,488,226
907,196	Current Liabilities	1,195,341	153,752	Deposits with Insurance Companies	306,100
5,080,414		6,544,075	5,080,414		6,544,075

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT

DEBIT:	IL.	CREDIT:	IL.
Appropriation to General Reserve	5,000	Net Profit, b/d from Profit and Loss Account	39,602
Provision for Taxation Reserve	20,000	Balance of Profit b/f from previous year	9,958
Proposed Dividend (6%)	9,038		
Balance of Profit, transferred to Balance Sheet	15,522		
	49,560		49,560

Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Mainly Fair.

	*A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	70	9	13	18
Tiberias	62	14	20	22
Haifa Port	65	13	19	21
Netanya	66	12	21	23
Tel Aviv Port	67	—	19	20
Tel Aviv Kirya	51	13	20	22
Lydda Airport	55	11	19	21
Jerusalem	79	13	13	14
Beersheba	71	11	17	20
Eilat	56	11	20	24

*A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today

RAINFALL

	Rainfall during past 24 hours	Total since August 1
Dafna	15.4	84.2
Mt. Cana'an	25.3	142.7
Haifa Port	20.6	104.5
Ramat David	24.9	121.1
Mishmar Haemek	28.6	149.0
Natanya	46.0	255.6
Ramatayim	28.6	191.9
Tel Aviv Kirya	33.8	258.9
Lydda	17.1	167.7
Rehovot	28.0	233.2
Jerusalem	13.2	138.7
Beersheba	14.2	66.1
Eilat	2.0	21.2

MAIL SENT through the main post office in Jerusalem today will be stamped with a special postmark to mark the 25th anniversary of the Jerusalem Rotary Club. Tomorrow a special postal branch will be operated at the Heichal Hall in Petah Tikva in honour of the jubilee of the commencement of the Second Aliya. A special postmark will be used.

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A GIFT of £140 for the erection of a candelabra at Yemin Orde, the children's village named for General Charles Orde Wingate, was recently donated by the Wingate family. The village's synagogue, the gift of Mr. Peter Morrison, has now been completed.

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THE WATER SUPPLY to the Rehavia, Talbieh, Kiryat Shmuel, Mekor Baruch and Ruhama quarters of Jerusalem have been cut off for 24 hours (last night until tonight) due to repairs being made by the Water Department. Residents of those quarters are asked to use tank supplies sparingly.

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TRACES OF a Byzantine period building have been found by police digging in the yard of their station at Merhavim.

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A U.N. JEEP, which was stolen on Monday night while parked in Rehov Ibn-Ezra, Rehavia, Jerusalem, was discovered in an empty lot in the Rassco Quarter yesterday afternoon.

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BECAUSE THEY are not as observant as the original settlers, who belong to Agudat Yisrael, 14 families of new immigrants from North Africa will have to leave their homes in Gamzu village, near Ramle. They will be transferred to another village by the Jewish Agency today.

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FOR NEGLIGENCE in driving his commercial vehicle and colliding with a Government car, causing it damage, Meir Yishai, of Jerusalem, was yesterday fined IL.150 or three months in prison by Jerusalem Magistrate Y. Bazak. A six months' sentence was imposed by Magistrate Bazak on Raphael Rafiyi, of the Kastel *ma'bara*, for driving a tractor without permission and driving it on a public road.

Second Aliyah Veterans Number 1500 in Israel

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Some 1,500 persons who arrived here during the Second Aliya immigration wave half a century ago are still living in this country, a survey made by the Histadrut Executive has revealed. A third of them live in Histadrut-affiliated settlements, while 250 dwell in privately owned villages, 450 in the Tel Aviv area, 120 in Haifa and 60 in Jerusalem.

The Histadrut will publish a "Second Aliya" volume, and the editors have so far received over 1,000 personal recollections.

The Jewish National Fund will plant a "Second Aliya Forest." Each participant in the Second Aliya rally in Petah Tikva on Thursday will receive a personal notice that a tree will be planted in the forest in his name.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM DISTRICT: Frozen meat: 100 grms., Nun 22, Temp. 20, 100 pr. Invalids: 400 grms., I.M.A. coupons Dec. 19.

TEL AVIV DISTRICT: Frozen meat: Tel Aviv and Jaffa, 100 grms., Nun 22, Temp. 20, 100 pr. Invalids: Tel Aviv and Southern District, 500 grms., Het Gimmel 22, 500 pr. Eggs: 4, Nun 17, Temp. 5. Invalids: Het Aleph 2, Het Aleph 3, 4, Het Bet 11, Het Bet 12, 3, Het Gimmel 23, Het Gimmel 24, 3.

60 STUDENTS STRANDED BY NEGEV FLOODS

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two bus loads of South African students on a sight-seeing tour of the Central Negev have been marooned at a small work camp for the past two days by floods which converted the Kaolin road in the Negev into a ribbon of mud. Returning on Monday from the Machtesh Ramon, both buses skidded off the road and became embedded in the deep mud produced by floods pouring down the hillsides.

After extricating one of the buses the 60 students were able to take shelter at an isolated work camp, Mitzpeh Ramon.

Flood damage to bridges between Mitzpeh Ramon and Kfar Yeroham made the road impassable to ordinary traffic. Contact was established with Beersheba from the work camp by wireless and plane and supplies and blankets are being rushed to them.

Sde Boker, some 35 kilometres to the north, the nearest settlement, slaughtered a sheep and sent it by command car to feed the travellers last night. The leader of the party, Mr. Magen Broshi, got through to Beersheba by a command car, having to steeple-chase over boulders and hillsides, making wide detours and plunging through flood water in order to avoid unsafe bridges.

The Hamekasher Garage at Jerusalem was last night instructed from Beersheba to send two special buses to Kfar Yeroham as it was expected that today either heavy six-wheel trucks or a fleet of command cars would be able to extricate the students and force a way through the floods up to Kfar Yeroham.

The students are all in good cheer and will probably reach Kfar Yeroham today or tomorrow.

On the way to Beersheba the command car which established contact for the group passed lorry after lorry and other buses of sightseers abandoned by the roadside. At the Machtesh Ramon, floods pouring down the hills have swept boulders onto the roads, making the hairpin bends a death trap as the kaolin surface is completely impassable after especially strong rain.

The party, brought over to Israel by the Youth and Hechalutz Department of the Jewish Agency, is spending seven weeks in the country divided between sightseeing, lectures and two weeks of work in settlements.

90% of Mentally Sick Inadequately Treated

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The fact that because of lack of means only one in ten mental patients who passed through his hands received adequate treatment, was reported by Dr. P. Brill, speaking in a symposium of doctors to the mentally sick which took place at the Histadrut building tonight. The remainder, Dr. Brill added "are sent home with kind words."

Speakers stressed the shortage of institutions and equipment. Because of the lack of knowledge of mental treatment by general practitioners people were being incorrectly treated, even when they were properly diagnosed there were no beds available for them. Some 1,200 such cases, including schizophrenics, drug addicts and epileptics have been listed and at least a further eight hundred exist.

Sephardim Prepare Yeshiva Building

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The corner-stone of a new building for Porat Yoseph, the only Talmudical Seminary for the Sephardi community, was inaugurated yesterday in Jerusalem, opposite Schneller barracks. Porat Yoseph was founded 25 years ago in the Old City, where its synagogue, school, library and ancient scrolls of the Law, were reduced to ashes in 1948. Since then, the Seminary's 150 pupils have studied in dilapidated premises in the Bokharian quarter. Porat Yoseph also maintains a boarding school in Katamon for 70 wards of Youth Aliya.

The new building will include a synagogue designed by Messrs. Rubin and Friedman with a dome like the one razed in the Old City. The whole enterprise should cost IL.500,000, of which IL.200,000 is already promised by benefactors abroad. Porat Yoseph will ask for a Development Budget loan, and will launch a campaign to raise the remaining sum in Israel.

Dams Filled To Capacity

Yesterday's heavy rains filled Negev dams to capacity and villagers declared their satisfaction at the timing of the rain which came right after the sowing of the winter crops. The 500,000 cubic metre dam at Kfar Yeroham was filled in 90 minutes and an overflow was reported at the 100,000 cubic metre capacity dam at Shuval. The Nahal Grar reservoir near Mishmar Hanegev was also filled to its 200,000 cubic metre capacity.

The torrential rains played a negative role in the evacuation centre on the border of Bat Yam and Holon, where they soaked the huts of 200 families.

Driving rain since Monday night increased this season's rainfall at and around Safad by 35.3 mm. to 142.7 mm. The Mount Cana'an Meteorological Station reported a rising barometer yesterday.

Klausner Appeals For National Unity

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Calling the Natorei Karta "our traitors," Professor Joseph Klausner, who described himself as "non-party," appealed for unity in the face of our present difficulties, at a reception in honour of his eightieth birthday at the Massada Publishing House here today. The occasion also marked the publication of the first of a 16-volume edition of his collected works.

The "grand old man of Hebrew letters" told, with tears in his eyes, how much he appreciated a congratulatory letter from Mr David Ben Gurion, describing him as "the greatest Hebrew writer of our generation."

In spite of the many bitter articles he had written against the former Prime Minister, he said he honoured him as the man who realized at the crucial moment that the time was ripe for the proclamation of statehood.

Pressed by journalists to "reply" to Mr. Shalom Asch, Professor Klausner said that Mr. Asch was a novelist while he was an historian and he did not want to enter into a quarrel in spite of all the things Mr. Asch had said about him. There were, he felt, non-Jewish writers who could produce such books as Mr. Asch was turning out today, with, he suggested, an eye on the mass-circulation they would achieve.

At the end of the reception, Professor Klausner autographed for pressmen the first of his works to be published in the new edition, "The Prophets."

SABBATH TRAFFIC NUMBERS NOTED

The 15-year-old *yeshiva* student who was arrested in Jerusalem last Saturday as he was noting the licence numbers of passing cars by turning down the corresponding pages in a Bible, told the police yesterday that he had been asked to do this by "Mazhirei Shabbat" circles.

He said the purpose was to enable Orthodox Jews to boycott taxis which violated the Sabbath. He added that a number of his friends had likewise been asked to note car numbers in the same manner.

The boy, who lives in the Warsaw Houses in Jerusalem, was released upon completion of the investigation.

Rabbi Pinhas Epstein, the head of Ha'eda Ha'haredit (which includes Natorei Karta), Deputy Mayor Moshe Porush, and Rabbi Amram Blau are to stand trial on Sunday in the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court. They are charged with participating in illegal demonstrations on Saturdays and with conduct liable to lead to public disorder.

TEL AVIV TO FETE DRUZE SOLDIERS

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — A Druze Army unit is to arrive here tomorrow to spend three days as guests of the Municipality. The soldiers will visit various amusement places and local factories, and be entertained at the Town Hall by Mayor Haim Levanon.

Government and Municipal leaders will be the hosts of the unit at a farewell reception on Friday.

'Y' PREPARES FOR CHRISTMAS

Preparations for Christmas are already in full swing at the Jerusalem YMCA. The tower has been festooned and the flood-lights were turned on last night.

This afternoon, a Hanukka party will be held for the members of the Boys' Department, while at 8.30 p.m. the Christmas tree will be decorated, accompanied by an informal carol singing to which all are welcome.

Tomorrow the "Y" will hold its annual Christmas party for the Christian children of the city.

On Christmas Eve, the carillon on the tower will play "Silent Night" and other Christmas songs from 7.45 to 8 and from 9.30 to 9.45. The annual carol service will be held in the Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Later at night the Diplomatic Corps will assemble outside the "Y" for the traditional convoy to Bethlehem by the old route which will be specially opened for the night.

Separate festivities will be held next month for the members of the Eastern Christian communities.

BEIT AHEM

The Youth Hostel recently opened at Ramat Hashofet is called Beit Ahem, in memory of Menahem Bergmann, who fell there.

Dead Sea Scrolls On View in Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

All the fragments of the famous Dead Sea Scrolls owned by the Hebrew University were publicly exhibited yesterday for the first time, to mark the thirtieth anniversary of the Institute of Jewish Studies. The blackened leaves of parchment and the two pottery jars in which the scrolls were hidden are on show during Hanukka week in the University Administration building.

Also displayed are coins from the Second Temple era onwards and seals from the First Temple period. (The coins were stolen from Mount Scopus and restored to the University last summer).

Professor B. Mazar, President of the University, opened this commemorative exhibition by reminding the assembled archaeologists and Hebrew scholars that Professor Sukenik had devoted his last days to piecing together the precious fragments.

It was Professor Sukenik who acquired the three scrolls from Beduin tribesmen and realized their paramount importance. "It is a miracle that the discovery of manuscripts written at a time of Jewish renaissance coincided with the resurgence of the Jewish State," Professor Mazar said.

Except for three fragments on loan to the British Museum, all the University's collection is on display, under police guard. Of the three Dead Sea manuscripts, the best preserved is The War between the Sons of Light and the Sons of Darkness, describing an imaginary battle waged by Jewish zealots against the Romans. The other two manuscripts, the last chapters of Isaiah and the Book of Thanksgiving had emerged dark brown, with many lacunae, from their cloth casing. Infra-red photographs of the fragments showed how they had been deciphered.

Judea in Revolt

Prominent among the coins are the large silver shekels minted at the time of Bar Kochba, a sign of Judea in revolt, and the small coins imprinted with "Judaea Capta" — Judea vanquished by the Romans. A case of coins minted in the Roman era by different cities shows Tiberias with an anchor on one and the goddess Hygeia on another. The Emperor Hadrian is depicted on a Jerusalem coin symbolically founding the "new capital" by ploughing a furrow.

At the exhibition yesterday evening Professor M. Segal lit the Hanukka candles and gave some reminiscences of the Institute of Jewish Studies in its early days. Afterwards, Dr. N. Avigad lectured on the script and dating of the Dead Sea scrolls, and Dr. M. [illegible]stein spoke on historical research in the light of the manuscripts.

Among the audience were Dr. Dov Joseph, Justice Smoira, Professors Martin Buber, N. Slouchz, and E. Simon, and Mr. D. Shimoni, President of the Writers Association.

Tel Aviv Exhibit Of Argentine Sculptor

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — A chance meeting in Rome recently between the noted Argentine sculptor, Victor Marchese, and his country's Minister in Israel, Dr. Pablo Manguel, led to the exhibition of the former's work which opened at the ZOA House here this evening. Mr. Marchese, having been invited to show his work in this country.

The Russian Ambassador, Mr. A. N. Abramov, was amongst the representatives of foreign legations who attended the opening. The exhibition will run for two weeks and may move on to Jerusalem.

Mr. Marchese, who is 44, revealed that he had received an invitation from South American pioneers at Kibbutz Ga'ash, near Natanya, to show his exhibition there, and hoped to do so.

Dr. Manguel stated that the cultural agreement between Argentina and Israel envisages the likelihood of exchange exhibitions of artists from both countries.

Tiberias Mayor Opens Laufer Art Gallery

TIBERIAS, Tuesday. — The city's cultural facilities have been enriched by the opening of the Laufer Art Gallery this evening, with addresses by the Mayor, Mr. Moshe Sachar, and by the Art Adviser to the Ministry of Education, Mr. Mordechai Ardon.

The Gallery which is of a modern and tasteful design was constructed at a cost of IL.15,000 by the Laufer family here who have invested their savings in this enterprise.

The first exhibition shows metal objects and oil paintings by Jordan Valley artists.

SICK MAN KILLS SELF

HADERA, Tuesday.—Ben Itzhak Markus, 60, was found dead in his hut in the Brandeis *ma'bara* near here today. A letter found near his body, said that he was committing suicide because of an incurable illness. He leaves a wife and daughter.

GIRL KILLED BY TRUCK

RAMLE, Tuesday. — While playing with her friends in Rehov Jabotinsky here today, 6-year-old R. Sleman Abu Rosh was run over by a Tahal tender and killed. The driver, Asher Ben Yehuda, 25, of Jerusalem, was detained.

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Gifts for Babies Born on Mother's Day

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Giving an example of the public spirit which the Municipality is trying to introduce into everyday life in this city, delegations of all local women's organizations this morning visited Haifa's Maternity Ward and brought Mother's Day gifts to those who gave birth during the last 24 hours.

This morning, Mayor Abba Khoushy and Councillors were At Home in the Town Hall to Haifa mothers. An exhibition of children's drawings devoted to Mother's Day was opened at the Town Hall at noon, and Haifa Cinema owners gave free matinees to mothers who had tickets presented to them through their children.

Two more manifestations of goodwill have come to the notice of *The Jerusalem Post* here. The local distributors of Phillips Radios, Messrs. Haissman Brothers, Derech Ha'atzmaut, have presented a large radio set to Ilanshil, the Israel Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, and it was installed on Hanukka eve in the polio ward of the Rambam Hospital.

The pupils of the Reali School have collected 80 pairs of shoes and 20 pairs of sport shoes; a delegation of three pupils presented the gifts today to the children of the Kiryat Shmonah *ma'bara*.

US Doctor Sends Gift To Bat Yam Mother

A $10 gift certificate has been received by the Ministry of Health from Dr. George Lissner, of Lakewood, New Jersey, U.S.A., with a request that it be forwarded to a mother in Bat Yam for the purchase of powdered milk. The gift followed the publication of a letter in *The Jerusalem Post* on October 3 from a "desperate mother" who stated that her five-months old baby contracted diarrhoea from fresh milk and that powdered milk could be obtained with a doctor's prescription for only a few days each month.

Dr. E. Freund, Acting Director of the Health Ministry's Department of Maternal and Child Health, stated in his reply published with the letter that the supply of powdered milk was limited because it entailed the expenditure of foreign currency.

Dr. Lissner noted in his letter that older pediatricians in the U.S. were still using with good results Lime-Water (liquor *calcii hydrosecidi*) to make fresh milk more digestible for difficult babies.

Here from Russia After Letter to Malenkov

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — Seven months after their son-in-law sent a letter to Mr. Malenkov, the Soviet Prime Minister, asking permission for them to leave for Israel, Mr. Raphael Redkosoub, 65, and his wife Bella, 57, arrived here today by SAS. They were met by their daughter and Mr. Rybak, whom they have not seen for nine years.

Mr. Redkosoub said he himself applied for an exit permit two years ago, but received no reply until about two months ago. He said he worked in a factory in Nikolaev until his departure.

MUNICIPAL STRIKE IN KFAR SABA

KFAR SABA, Tuesday. — All Municipal services, except water supply, garbage removal and rate collecting, were discontinued today because of a strike by Municipal employees. They did not receive their November salaries by December 20 as promised. The local Labour Council has approved the strike.

PEKI'IN COUNCIL SNAG

TIBERIAS, Tuesday. — The composition of a local council for Peki'in village is meeting difficulties as two Druze families, contending for supremacy, claim the chairmanship. The Ministry of Interior proposes a council of six Druze and three Moslem members, in proportion to the numerical strength of the two communities.

ORANGES STOP TRAFFIC

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Traffic near the Central Post Office in Rehov Allenby, one of the busiest spots in the city, had to be temporary diverted when a cart, containing crates of oranges overturned here this afternoon. Passers-by ran after the fruit, which cluttered up the whole road, and police had to be called to deal with the resulting traffic congestion.

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B.G. Joins Mapai Election Talks

By Our Labour Correspondent

Mr. David Ben Gurion took part in a meeting of Mapai leaders last week at Ohalo, near Kinneret, to discuss the Party's campaign for next year's elections.

Details of the proceedings are not known, but it is understood that decisions will be taken soon on the timing of the various polls, and the Party's attitude to its partners in the Government Coalition and to the other parties represented in the Histadrut.

In view of the heavy burden of the Knesset and Local Council campaigns, it has not yet been decided whether the overdue elections to the Histadrut Congress should take place in the spring or be postponed till the Autumn. Similar considerations may make it necessary to hold over the holding of the Mapai Party Conference. If this is done, the Party Council or another session of the Conference as elected four years ago may be convened to consider the programme and policy for the coming appeals to the electorate.

Electoral Reform

Mapai is now studying with an open mind the General Zionist plan for electoral reform, in order to see if there is any possibility of a compromise. Doubts have been expressed, however, whether the General Zionists are seriously prepared to cooperate in passing any electoral reform plan into law before the coming elections.

Considerable concern is felt in Mapai circles at the policy of Mr. Israel Rokach, Minister of Interior, in the preparations for the local authority elections. In many localities, Mr. Rokach is said to be holding up the incorporation of *ma'barot* and other immigrant settlements and quarters into the adjoining municipality, which provides them with all their services. In effect, the residents in these localities are being disenfranchised, for fear that they should re-inforce the strength of labour. The enforcement of the six-months qualifying period in the local polls will also, it is thought, deprive many thousands of electors of the vote.

It is felt in Labour circles that in these matters the Minister has the interests of the General Zionist Party uppermost in his mind. These questions may endanger the stability of the coalition, even if no shocks come from General Zionist quarters, though the Mapai leadership is keenly aware of the necessity of avoiding a Government crisis, in view of the foreign affairs situation and the need to maintain confidence of all sections of Diaspora Jewry, no matter what their political predilections may be.

At the same time, Mapai is not losing sight of the possibility of a rapprochement with Ahdut Ha'avoda or Mapam or both, and Mr. Ben Gurion will probably have preliminary conversations soon with Mr. Tabenkin, of the former party, and perhaps with Mr. Yaari of the latter. Difficulties are likely to arise in the field of foreign policy, and even if it proves possible to initiate negotiations for a united workers' front in the local polls, it is doubtful whether Ahdut Ha'avoda will be ready to take the responsibility of an alliance with Mapai unless Mapam is willing to join in. The Ein Harod dispute may also prove an obstacle to agreement, especially if there is a final breakdown in the negotiations, necessitating the imposition of sanctions by the Histadrut.

PEC Elects New Board, Pensions Viscount Samuel

The shareholders of the Palestine Electric Corporation yesterday accepted the resignation of its Board of Directors headed by Viscount Samuel, and elected a new Board of which only two members had formerly served on the Directorate. This step follows the Government acquisition of 95 per cent of the Corporation's shares. The new Board will shortly appoint a manager for the Corporation, the Development Ministry spokesman has announced.

At the extraordinary general meeting yesterday in Jerusalem, it was decided to grant Viscount Samuel an annual pension of £1,500 in recognition of his services as Chairman of the Board.

Mr. A. Rutenberg, Managing Director, and Mr. G. Helpern, who has been a director since P.E.C. was founded 31 years ago were re-elected to the Board. The other eight former Directors were British, save for Mr. S. Horowitz who was not re-elected.

The new board is in addition composed of:

Mr. Y. Peled, Director General of the Development Ministry; Mr. M. Zagagi, Assistant Director General of the Finance Ministry; Mr. Y. Glickman, Director General of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry; Mr. H. Givati, Director General of the Ministry of Agriculture; Mr. A. Barth, of the Bank Leumi; Mr. M. Vitkon, of the Union Bank; Mr. Y. Haskin, of the Histadrut Executive; Mr. D. Tuvyahu, Mayor of Beersheba; Rav-Aluf M. Makleff; Mr. S. Schaia, of Magdiel; Mr. S. Klagsbald, of the Industrialists Association; and Messrs. Y. Hushi, A. Shapira and Y. Shapira of the P.E.C.

700 DOGS TREATED 950 DESTROYED

Some 700 dogs have been vaccinated and 950 dogs destroyed in the three-week old anti-rabies campaign of the Agriculture Ministry's Veterinary Service in the Natanya District. Two squads of the Service have been methodically checking every settlement and farm in the area — registering and vaccinating every dog that has an owner and destroying stray or rabies-infected dogs.

Special attention has been paid to the border settlements where the animals stray freely across the lines. Bits of meat containing strychnine have been scattered through jackel-infested areas.

The workers expect to complete the project within a few days.

'Busi' Jailed For Hitting Police

REHOVOT, Tuesday. — Bustenai Saha, 24, nicknamed "Busi, the king of Sha'arayim" was today sent to prison for eight months by magistrate A. Movshovitz here. "Busi" was found guilty of causing bodily harm to policemen on duty and with wrecking the property of a street vendor here on March 23.

The police produced a medical statement certifying that the accused who has 15 previous convictions was well enough to stand a jail term.

Counsel for the defence, Mr. Y. Wildor, told the Court that "Busi was, in fact" a good-hearted man, and it was he who helped the police to find the accused in the Rami Rosenberg murder case. However, he continued, "Busi" was very excitable and could not stand being crossed.

The Magistrate recommended that "Busi" be examined by a psychiatrist while in prison.

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'Seamen Bound by Wage Policy of Nation'

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The annual conference of the National Seamen's Union, which was attended by 26 delegates, opened this morning with an expression of solidarity with the crew of the Bat Galim imprisoned in Egypt.

Mr. Abraham Becker, Director of the Histadrut Trade Union Department, told the delegates that seamen must conform to a country-wide wage policy and can have no privileges which are not granted to other workers.

The Histadrut's wage policy, he said, had served to absorb thousands of workers in industry and agriculture during the past year and there was no economic reason for altering that policy during the coming year.

Mr. Becker asked the seamen to consider themselves active partners in devising means for the improvement of productivity.

Gratification at the decision by the masters and chief engineers in the union to abandon their plan of forming a separate union was expressed by Mr. Barash of the Histadrut Executive.

The conference will continue tomorrow.

Finn-Israel Group Founded in Helsinki

HELSINKI, Tuesday (INA). — The Finnish-Israel Association was inaugurated here today, with the Speaker of the Parliament, former Premier Fagerholm, presiding at the opening meeting.

Representatives of the Government, cultural and commercial circles attended the ceremony. Statutes adopted at the meeting said the purpose of the Association was to develop cultural and economic ties between the two countries.

JAMES HILTON DIES AGED 54

LONG BEACH, California, Tuesday (UP). — Mr. James Hilton, the famous British novelist, died here last night after a long illness at the age of 54 years. Doctors said he died of cancer of the liver. He was hospitalized on November 2 after contracting an infection.

Mr. Hilton, who published his first novel "Catherine Herself" in 1920, rose to fame in 1933 with "Lost Horizon" which won him the Hawthornden Prize, and followed with "Goodbye, Mr. Chips," the following year. In 1941 he published "Random Harvest." All three books were extensively dramatized and were filmed by Hollywood.

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Whitehall Sees Mid East Mutual Security System

By WILLIAM CLARK

LONDON, (OFNS). — FOR months past Sir Anthony Eden, in his search for a working Middle East defence scheme, has been proceeding in his accustomd manner to make diplomatic soundings with the very minimum of publicity. During the Geneva conference he allowed his Principal Private Secretary, Mr. Evelyn Shuckburgh, to be transferred to the key post of Under Secretary in charge of Middle Eastern Affairs. On taking office Mr. Shuckburgh at once went on a tour of the whole area, from which he has just returned. The results of this diplomatic activity are now becoming apparent; the most startling event being the statement by the Foreign Minister of Iraq that there already exists an agreement about the future of the alliance with Britain when the present treaty expires in 1956.

The Foreign Secretary has said privately that he has devoted as much of his time to trying to solve the Arab-Israel dispute as to any other single topic. There are as yet few public signs that he is succeeding, but private indications from Arab countries are said to show that some venom is disappearing from the quarrel. Particular interest will attach to the new Anglo-Jordan treaty which is being negotiated at present in London. As Israel's neighbour, Jordan might be persuaded to take the lead in normalizing relations.

Constant pressure has also been brought to bear on Egypt to try and obtain better relations with Israel, but it would be foolish to pretend that progress has been made here.

The notable improvements for Whitehall are in relation to Persia. The signature of the oil agreement was a beginning, and since then British and American officials have been striving to bring tangible benefits to the country. It certainly appears that the Government of General Zahedi is beginning to gain at least slightly in popularity.

Iraqi Statement

Even more important is the question of how to defend Persia in case of a Russian-sponsored uprising in the north of the country. So far it has always been supposed that the Turkish-Pakistan pact would try to deal with the situation in the first instance. But geographically neither country is well situated to give immediate and effective help.

This is where the recent pronouncement of the Iraqi Foreign Minister is of importance. He said that Britain would be permitted to reoccupy her bases in Iraq after the end of the treaty, in case of an attack on Turkey—or Persia. This means in effect that a leading Arab nation would regard any attack on Iran (and probably any Communist revolt there) as a direct threat to her safety and security.

It is now quite possible that on the basis of this agreement, and the Anglo-Egyptian agreement which provides for the reactivation of the Suez base in case of an attack on Turkey, a system may be built up whereby all the Arab countries agree to cooperate with the West in repelling an attack on any of them or their neighbours, including Persia. In that way, it is hoped, it may be possible to reconcile the needs of Western defence with the intense nationalism of the Arab States, which resents any Western intrusion.

Reader's Letters

WAIT A WHILE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — With reference to the Reader's Letter, "Railway Crossing," in your issue of December 5, I should like to call the attention of your readers to the fact that a special committee has been appointed by the Minister of Communications to study the problems of level crossings in this country. It does not therefore appear to be appropriate to undertake any steps until and unless the recommendations of the aforementioned committee have been published and approved by the Minister.

To elucidate the problem partially, I wish to refer the writer to the views of international experts on signalling and kindred subjects and to the state of affairs prevailing in all countries of the world; I am sure the conclusion will differ from what the writer demands.

Mr. Schayer's suggestion (in his letter on the same subject published on December 6) about using men in a dual capacity as crossing guards and vegetable growers will be passed on for due consideration to the special committee.

Yours etc.,
I. NISSAN
Commercial Manager,
Israel Railways.

Haifa, December 14.

SPEEDY CABLE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — A cable was recently sent from this office to London at 10.25 a.m. and the reply received at 1.45 p.m. — just over three hours later! Congratulations to the Post Office and to all concerned.

Yours etc.,
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Haifa, December 14.

Greece Will Press Enosis Despite Setback at U.N.

By PETER STURSBERG

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. — THE United Nations' decision to do nothing about Cyprus "for the time being" brought the debate on this British colony to a much better ending than was expected.

But although the Greeks voted for the resolution, which was unopposed, they are feeling very badly used by their friends, and particularly by the Americans. What has soured them so much is that they expected the United States to take a neutral position on this issue, as it had done on other colonial questions. In fact, they assert that the Greek Premier, Field Marshal Papagos, was promised as much by Mr. Dulles when he saw him in Paris some weeks ago.

It would seem that a change did occur: the cold war got in the way. The Chinese Communists' imprisonment of the American airmen accused of espionage caused a tightening of the Western alliance. The United States, it is believed, agreed to support the British on Cyprus in exchange for British backing in the Far East. When the Greek delegate here, Mr. Alexis Kyrou, read the Press reports that the Americans were opposed to self-determination for Cyprus, he would not believe them and was convinced only after he had learned officially from the United States delegation that this was true.

From the very beginning it had seemed that a debate on Cyprus would be a dangerous procedure. There was the question of whether Cyprus was not a domestic affair, with which the United Nations should not deal. Besides that, the United Nations was a bad place to hold a "family quarrel," such as this, among members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in public and before the Communists.

Clash with Turks

Perhaps the worst feature of the debate was the sharp clash between the Greeks and the Turks, both members of NATO and of the Balkan Alliance.

After Mr. Kyrou had cried out that there was no time for freedom like the present time, the Turkish delegate, Mr. Selim Sarper, answered harshly that the dispute was "artificially contrived." Mr. Sarper's language was so strong that his speech was taken as a warning that war might break out between the Greeks and the Turks if a plebiscite were held in Cyprus. (There is a Turkish minority in Cyprus and the island is geographically closer to Turkey than to Greece).

Mr. Sarper declared that any change in the colony's status which did not meet with the approval of Turkey "would not last." As the Greeks realized that they did not have enough support here for their proposal, they agreed to the resolution putting off consideration of the issue, when it was amended to read "for the time being." But Marshal Papagos has made it clear that they are already planning to bring the question before the next General Assembly.

(OFNS)

Yesterday's Press

U.S.-Arab Common Interest

COMMENTING on the "identity of interest between America and the Arab Governments" (disclosed in a document published by the American Embassy in Damascus) "Omer" (Histadrut) says that this and other recent utterances make it appear as if official Washington has learned nothing from the most recent revelations of Middle Eastern disintegration and lack of stability, though in a document for Israel consumption there have been more reassuring news. The paper points to similar contradictions not only in published American statements but also in American actions, such as for instance the undertaking not to supply arms to the Arab Governments for an attack against Israel—and the shipment of such weapons to Iraq at the present time.

Calling for a reorientation in Israel foreign policy "Lamerhav" (Ahdut Avoda) says that the call for Israel's integration into a Western defence scheme critically endangers our independence, and is moreover utterly unrealistic in view of the expressed American rulers' unwillingness to have Israel as a partner.

"Herut" says that even moderates have reached the conclusion that it is impossible to put up any further with arms supplies to the Arab countries, which declare openly that they will attack Israel at the first favourable opportunity. The paper notes that the one Arab country which has not even signed an armistice agreement with ours is the first to receive arms; and thinks that Turkey's rapprochement with the Arab states and the gradual estrangement in her relations with Israel is a result of American pressure on Ankara.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) supports the suggestions that Israel demand the speedy renewal of the Security Council debate on the Bat Galim case and urge the adoption of a resolution, though the Western Powers want to prevent it.

"Yediot Aharonot" reports that even Cabinet members are getting impatient with the Foreign Ministry's restraint, but that the latter does not believe in periodic re-examinations of its policy, so that every comment is dubbed "irresponsible."

Israel's Interests

"Zmanim" (Progressive) comments on the three Western Foreign Ministers' deliberations on Middle Eastern affairs and expresses the opinion that there is a distinct danger that the interests of Israel will be sacrificed and that in the end she will accept the conditions dictated by the West. The paper notes that no constructive solution has been suggested so far, for the Arab refugees and the Arab rulers continue to oppose the only realistic way out, their resettlement outside Israel.

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) deals with the Histadrut and "Second Aliya" jubilees. The people who came from Russia in 1905/6 laboured under many delusions and created dangerous "anti-proletarian theories." Elsewhere in the paper Dr. Sneh joins Rabbi Rosenberg in his attack on *Shurat Hamitnadvim* and says that such proto-fascist organizations want to bring about a Fascist regime just as they did under Pilsudski in Poland and in Egypt at the present time under the pretex of a purge of the state apparatus.

In the light of the six road-and-rail accidents and near-accidents that have now all taken place this month, all in the Acre area, "Ma'ariv" feels that the Ministry of Transportation's excuse — that it would cost too much to eliminate all unguarded level crossings — smacks of demagogy. Only those crossings which have proved dangerous must immediately be taken care of.

Domestic topics commented upon in the editorial columns include a survey of the problems of the absorption of religious immigrants ("Hatzofe"); the Pardess Hanna youth club case ("Ha'aretz") and the annual conference of the Israel Seamen's Association ("Davar").

Maccabeans Sought to Rebuild State

By ALEXANDER ZVIELY

WHOEVER regards Hanukka as the celebration of a purely military feat, traditionally coupled with significant religious experience, rather misses the point. Essentially, Hanukka means the triumph over the Exile of a country reborn; the Syrian climax of this prolonged struggle was only an episode of secondary importance. This is the point which is of particular interest to us today. The whole history of Israel, ancient or modern, speaks with one mood, and so our own future may possibly be read in the pages of the past.

The most stimulating feature of the Hanukka achievement is that it presents us with a remarkable prophetic experience. To an average Israeli who queries his future prospects in the spectrum of his present difficulties it tells of the inspired climax of a very similar ideological and economic struggle identically fought against innumerable odds. The fact that the Jews withstood the heavy test to which they were put in 168 B.C.E. by Antiochus IV Epiphanes and eventually won their kingdom and independence, was essentially the direct outcome of the devoted work of a group of Jewish thinkers and practical men who had started to rebuild Judaea from its ashes three centuries earlier.

For Cyrus' liberation of the Jews from the Babylonian yoke hardly removed the danger of their total obliteration. As soon as the green light freeing Jewish exiles from Babylon was given, one would have expected those to rebuild their country enthusiastically, spurred on by the prophets' inspiration. Reality, however, knows no quick solutions. Most of the contemporary accounts or memories of the period which followed are seriously suspected of wishful thinking. The priests of the Second Temple pictured the glorious Return to Zion exactly as prophesied earlier, in a way not very different, incidentally, from Herzl's initial ideas. Scientific research, which partly corroborates the book of Nehemia, seriously queries most of Ezra's statements.

The actual rebuilding of Judaea did not get under way until Nehemia (444 B. C. E.) and was not completed for at least a century-and-a-half. Many obstacles, some of which strikingly resemble those of today, stood in the way of the Jews to rebuild the Temple and Jerusalem's walls, which was often a perilous task.

Judaea, an insignificant province of the fifth Persian satrapy, extended from Beth-El to Beth-Zur over some 100 square kilometres (less than the size of the present Corridor) of poor rocky terrain around Jerusalem. It depended completely on the whims of the Persian Governor residing in Samaria. Throughout the fifth, fourth and third centuries, the district hardly even resembled a state. Surrounded by a chain of hostile enemy countries like Ammon or Moab, Ashdod, Idumaea, Samaria and Galil Ha-Goim, whose Governors hampered Jewish returnees, it had in addition numerous internal ills to heal. The Jews who had not gone into exile feared practically everything and strongly opposed the returnees' endeavours to secure Jewish control over a strategic entity which would have offered a hope of regaining the country's former position at some distant date.

National Remoulding

Yet, at the beginning of the second century B.C.E., despite all these tremendous difficulties and adverse political and strategic exigencies, the Jews succeeded in re-moulding their national unity, peacefully re-occupied their former habitations, spread once again over the whole of the country and successfully succeeded in healing the open wounds of exile. It was a stupendous achievement that proved their fitness to pass the supreme test, which was not slow in coming.

What dynamic forces brought about this complete national rejuvenation, and the successful reintegration of the former exiles? The answer to this familiar question sounds familiar too. Hard resettlement work, the reconstruction of Jerusalem and, above all, a quest for new values. The priests and thinkers of the Second Temple not only re-edited the Pentateuch but also wrote their own codes, giving a strict new meaning to practically every ancient Jewish institution, with the help of the new knowledge acquired in exile. A powerful national-religious organization, grouped around the Temple rebuilt, laid foundations which, one and two thousand years later, saved us from extinction in the Dispersion.

But for this creative feat, the foreign influences, particularly Hellenism, would never have been resisted with such force. The climax of the Maccabean uprising was the direct result of long and patient work not very different from our endeavours today. It is against this aspect of a remarkable chapter in our cyclical national history that the Hanukka phrase — בימים ההם ובזמן הזה — is to be fully understood.

ART NOTES

Bracha Benjamini

AT the Chemerinsky Gallery (Gordon Street), Bracha Benjamini is having her first one-man show, 40 oils and watercolours. She shows a certain aptitude for the latter medium; some of the landscapes, particularly the Mount Canaan sketches (Nos. 13 and 24) are lively, fresh in colour and well composed. She is not so happy with the heavier medium although her "Woman Reading" (No. 1) is painted with a certain assurance and agreeable play of colour.

S. W.

In Memoriam Aubrey Silver

VETERAN Jerusalemites are today observing the 10th anniversary of the untimely death of Aubrey Silver, well-remembered Bandmaster of the Palestine Police, and Police Commander of the Jewish Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem in the 1929, 1933 and 1936/39 disturbances. A memorial meeting will be held at the Menorah Club at four o'clock this afternoon.

Aubrey Silver served in the 39th Royal Fusiliers, the Battalion raised in Britain that fought on the Palestine front in the First World War, and was one of those who, following their discharge from the forces, chose to settle here.

In 1921, he was appointed Police Bandmaster, forming and training the Police Band almost from scratch. He trained a large number of Police musicians whose devotion to him was above and beyond the call of duty and discipline owed to an officer by the men serving under him.

As a police officer, especially in times of stress, he often had to exchange the baton for the rifle, and there is none of the survivors of the Jewish Quarter of the Old City who do not still speak of him with greatest admiration as commander and friend. In 1933, he was awarded the M.B.E.

Aubrey Silver is still remembered also as one of the earliest organizers of the Jerusalem Dramatic Society musical shows, which under his baton were popular features of the city's musical life in the 20's and 30's. He freely gave his services to groups of amateur players here and in other parts of the country.

From the earliest days of the Mandatory Administration, the musical direction of state functions, dances, concerts, and general entertainments was entrusted to him. He gave public performances of the Police Band in the Jerusalem Citadel, the Municipal Gardens, and the Russian Compound, and may thus be regarded as the pioneer of "music for the people" in this country. During World War II at considerable sacrifice of his leisure and health, Aubrey Silver organized entertainments for the sick and wounded as well as for all those who valued the relaxation and comfort of music in that trying period.

He is survived by his wife and son, Mr. Ra'anan Silver, Director of the President's Office.

MUSICAL DIARY

BEETHOVEN'S op. 1 No. 1 in E-flat major was the opening piece of last Saturday's concert sponsored by the Jerusalem Chamber Music Society at the Rehavia Gymnasium. The bill, which included three piano trios, was well selected, though somewhat extensive, and the ensemble playing lacked final polish.

It is true that Pnina Salzman was at her best at the piano both in style and in technique, and there were moments when Daniel Hofmekler exhibited his profound musicianship on the cello. But it was less pleasant listening to Zwi Haftel (violin) whose tone was often scratchy and whose phrasing not very convincing.

In Ravel's Trio, the dramatic emphasis of the last movement was much too orchestral and led to a climax too obvious to fit the stylistic tendencies of its composer. The Trio in C-major op. 87 by Brahms sounded more unified and intensive than those that preceded it, and its formal build-up was pointed up well with good tempi.

Nikova Students

YOUNGSTERS of the Rina Nikova Studio (ranging from kindergarten tots to teen-agers) entertained a packed hall at the Y.M.C.A. on Monday afternoon.

The first half of the programme was a suite of pieces by Chopin that displayed somewhat odd conventions of classical ballet. There was more variety in the second half, which meant to be a folkloristic trip through many lands. The costumes, created by Miss Nikova, were picturesque, and among her choreographies "Klutch Valzer," based on a Swiss folk tune, was better than the rest.

Rachel Salzman showed talent and promise in a Mazurka solo.

Y. ZARAI

Abroad

The world stage premiere of Darius Milhaud's opera, "David," will take place on December 30 at the Teatro della Scala. Darius Milhaud has arrived in Milan to supervise the last rehearsals; the performance will be conducted by Maestro Nino Sanzogno and will be broadcast by the Italian, French and British radio.

Disraeli the Zionist

By CECIL ROTH

AT half past five o'clock in the morning, on Friday December 21, 1804 — just 150 years ago — Benjamin Disraeli was born in his father's house in London. Eight days later he was initiated into the Covenant of Abraham by his uncle by marriage, David Abarbanel Lindo, a pillar of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue to which his father still belonged at that time. Thus he was launched on his career as a Jew to be diverted, rather than interrupted, when in July 1817 — a few months before he would otherwise have been Barmitzvah — his learned but Jewishly-ignorant father had been baptised.

Benjamin Disraeli never entirely lost his Jewishness. His appearance remained uncompromisingly Jewish; and when he stood at the pinnacle of his career, at the Berlin Conference in 1878, he was referred to by no less a person than Bismarck as *der alte Jud* — the old Jew.

The two main strains in Disraeli's background constantly preoccupied him. There was the background of the England which he knew and loved and led so well, and which still remembers him as it does no other politician of an earlier generation. And there was the background of the Jewish people, about which in fact he knew little (and that little hopelessly confused and romanticized) but which became an obsession with him. In his writings, in his novels, in his conversation, in his speeches, in his public life, he was constantly reverting to this, never forgetting it, and seldom allowing his friends to do so. I have the impression that had he not embraced a political career, he would have returned to Judaism. As it was, he tried to persuade himself that there was in fact no fundamental difference between the Jewish and Christian faiths, the one being only a variant of the other.

As I have said, he was — notwithstanding his pride and his pretensions — pathetically ignorant of Judaism. But there was one aspect of the Jewish heritage of which he had a more intimate knowledge than most professing Jews of his generation. In 1828, before he had completed his 24th year, he went on a voyage throughout the Mediterranean area, via Spain, Gibraltar, Malta, Greece, and Turkey, the climax of which was a visit to Palestine: at that time an achievement so arduous that it was attained by few Englishmen, and so far as I can recall by no English Jew other than the stalwart Sir Moses Montefiore.

There is a curious thing about these early journeys of Disraeli's. In his letters home, he never identified himself with the background in any way. He described his visit to Venice, for example, without alluding to the fact that his family originated in that city, and that he still had two aged great-aunts there. So too in his description of Palestine, he did not betray any inkling of the fact that it was the land associated with his own forebears. But the description which he embodied shortly afterwards in one of his many autobiographical novels, Contarini Fleming, reflects the intense excitement that he felt at the time:—

In the distance rose a chain of severe and savage mountains. I was soon wandering, and for hours, in the wild stony ravines of these shaggy rocks. At length, after several passes, I gained the ascent of a high mountain. Upon an opposite height, descending as a steep ravine, and forming with the elevation on which I rested a dark and narrowing gorge, I beheld a city... Nothing could be conceived more wild and terrible than the surrounding scenery, more dark and stormy, and severe, but the ground was cast about in such picturesque undulations, that the mind, full of the sublime, required not the beautiful... For the elevation on which I stood was the Mount of Olives, and the city on which I gazed, was JERUSALEM.

In the world of make-believe in which Disraeli perpetually enwrapped himself, he was a Jewish hero revisiting the home of his ancestors in preparation for the redemption of his people. This is clear from the fact that, during the bare week he spent in Jerusalem, he began to write in bombastic prose-poetry that amazing fantasy of his, "The wondrous Tale of Alroy," describing the deliverance of the Jewish people in the 12th century by a fabulous hero of the tribe of Judah.

'Ideal Ambition'

He finished this shortly after his return to England, and did not hesitate to say that it represented his "ideal ambition." What is most amazing is that he actually published this palpably autobiographical fragment, a few months after he first stood, unsuccessfully, for Parliament. Obviously, he considered that he had nothing to conceal or to excuse.

In his subsequent literary career, Disraeli was constantly harking back to Jerusalem, sometimes quite superfluously. He sent Contarini Fleming there, quite superfluously (as we have seen). In "Lothair," he again brings his hero to Jerusalem, and gives some glowing descriptions of the scenery and the sublimity of the associations. Above all, Palestine is to the forefront of the novel of his which is of the most intense Jewish interest — "Tancred." A great part of the action is staged in the Holy Land, for it is only possible for a man to receive new inspiration for the conduct of life in that country in which alone "the Creator, since light sprang out of darkness, has designed to reveal himself to His creatures" and is for that reason necessarily "endowed with marvellous and peculiar qualities."

The land was at the time under the Turks but the author insisted that in due course "Jerusalem, it cannot be doubted, will ever remain under the appanage either of Israel or of Ishmael" — emphasizing indeed the former. When Tancred informs the Levantine Jew, Besso, that it seems to him that the Jews govern every land but their own, the latter musingly replies that this also might have been brought about in 1839, at the time of Mehemet Ali's Syrian venture. "A race that persists in celebrating their vintage, although they have no fruits to gather, will regain their vineyards," as the amazing Disraeli remarks elsewhere in this same work.

A generation later, the celebrated English Statesman, Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield, the most trusted servant of Queen Victoria, had the opportunity of putting some of his boyhood dreams into execution when he represented his country's interests at the Berlin Conference. He was able (at that time) to do a little to help the oppressed Jews of the Balkans and Eastern Europe; and it seems that he regarded Cyprus, too, as providing a possible place of refuge under the British flag. That he still retained, at this time, anything of his earlier Zionist dreams is problematical.

It is an exciting possibility, but the evidence is to my mind far from conclusive. Nearer to the truth perhaps is the story of his conversation at Berlin with a Jewish leader who asked him point-blank why he did not do something in the spirit of Alroy to solve the Jewish question. The reply was brief but pointed: "Alroy is a legend."

From a Broadcast on Kol Zion Lagola.

At the Cinema

IN contrast to "Hans the Magnificent" (Kirk Douglas in the "Juggler"), "Marcus the Magnificent" (Jean Pierre Aumont) in "Lili" (Eden, J'lem) hasn't got any complexes, whilst the puppet-player (Mel Ferrer) loses his in the happiest fashion. Between the great actors Ferrer and Aumont stands the beloved lovely monkey-face of that enchanting dancer-actress Leslie Caron, whose subtle grace is ably contrasted with the rather coarse sex appeal of Zsa-Zsa Gabor. Charles Walter's direction touches the psychological magic in the relation of player and puppet.

In short, "Lili" is a masterpiece, well deserving the sensational runs it had in Tel Aviv and Haifa, before its final presentation in Jerusalem. After that "Anna" sob-sister stuff, it is reassuring to note the success of a really good film in Israel.

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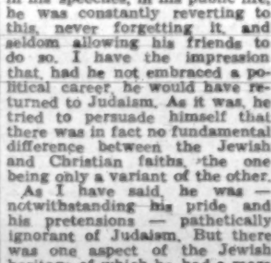
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